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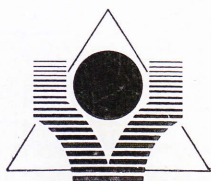
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The one thing that has been eating at us lately is where are all the positive Gay role models in this town, hell in the world? we have noticed one of the hardest things for us is finding someone to look to. We are not looking for a Gay Messiah, or a role model. We are our own role models. We are doing just fine by ourselves but sometimes we feel like we are stumbling blind.

We have heard a lot of antipathy towards the younger generation of Gays from the older generation of lesbiGay folks. we haven't not heard a lot of support.

How many times can we be browbeaten and get back up without a helping hand? We are here, we are Gay, we are beautiful, and alone. we have dreams and ambitions. We don't want to spend our whole time fighting, but by whatever god or goddess you believe in we will. Whether we have to do it on our own, or with the support of others.

We are not asking for a miracle. we know that Gays are as diverse, and even more so it seems, than the rest of the world. We come from different backgrounds, cultures, and that we will not be able to agree on the same ideologies, but we need to find role models that we WANT, not ones that are foisted on us. We don't know who they are, don't know where they are, but they are out there.

Popular culture raises up celebrities, exalts them, and then destroys them, a consequence of always needing something new to say about them.

We seem in the Gay community to always do things with more panache, and we seem to take our potential Martin Luther King's down the predictable path from brilliant new face to messiah to disgraced opportunist more quickly than the norm.

At the rate we're advancing, in another ten years the brouhaha surrounding the Gay TV characters will be laughably archaic, as will the concept of a television network as a powerful entity.

But we don't know if we will ever have another Martin Luther King or anyone like him, at least for longer than 15 minutes. The world is changing in good ways, but its changing in bad ways too.

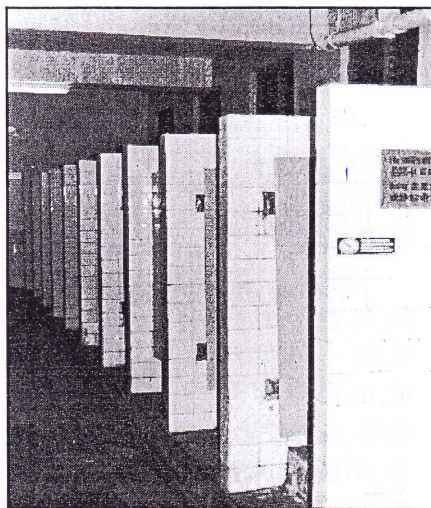
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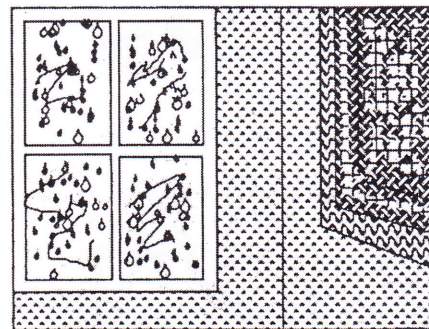
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# 飛翔的鳥

龍子

我沒有見到他最後一面,他只留下了一封信。

世民:

我走了,請不要怪我不詞而別。我是一個不懂說再見的男生,我從不喜歡看離別前的淚,何況是你的,我更不應該看。

每次見你為我痛哭時,我的心也會跟著哭,哭得比你還要凶,但在你面前我是堅強的,從沒流過半滴淚,我只是默默的望著你。

說真話我是挺喜歡你哭時面

上的表情,很有趣的。

但今次不同,我不敢看你的淚,我怕看後我不願離開,請你不要怪我的自私。

但我要說,我的離開,並不代表我不愛你,也不表示我另有他人。

只是在我的心的深處,有一把聲音在呼喚著我,我並不知道我要去何處,也不知道要幹什麼,只是想出去走走。

請你不要找我,假如你找到我,我也不會回來的,因為現在的我像一只等待隨風飛翔的鳥一樣,他要振翅高飛,去嚐嚐自由的滋味,或許有一天我這個遊子會回來,但請勿期待我的回來,不要為了我而錯失了任何一個結交朋友的機會。

最後我祝你找到理想的伴侶。

你的遊子 炳言上。

從那天我便沒有再看到他了,也沒有收過他任何信件。

我記得當我看完那封信後,我並沒有發狂的嚎哭,甚至乎沒有發脾氣,我很安靜地將信摺好,放在以往放炳言的信的盒子裏。

我開了唱機,放了一只我最喜歡聽的音樂,在酒櫃內取了一瓶酒,便坐在沙發上喝酒聽歌;當我喝完全枝酒後便上床,我記得我還刷牙才上床的。

我沒有睡,我甚至不知道自己是否真的在睡,因為我看見自己的身體平躺著在床上。

第二天我準時上班,見到其他同事亦像往常一樣掛上了一副可親的笑容,說:「早晨,你好!」在表面上我跟昨天沒有兩樣,但我的心已變得空虛寂寞。

任何事任何人也提不起我的起趣。

同事吃午飯時問:「一起吃午飯嗎?」

我會很有禮貌說:「我還有事要做,不去了。」

「要給你帶個飯盒回來嗎?」

我卻冷冷說:「不要麻煩了,我不餓,謝謝你。」我知我已對自己失去信心,除卻工作我,我再也也不想攪任何人際關係。

現在我所到的地方只有三處:公司,酒吧和家。

差不多每一天離開公司我便會到酒吧,坐在第一天跟炳言相識的那個位上,直至人多便離開回家。

酒保阿三每天差不多同樣時間便會在那裏放一杯雙份的威士忌給我,我會跟他說謝謝你,然後便慢慢地喝酒。

「不要喝那麼多酒,對身體不好的,尤其是對你的胃,一點好處也沒有。」

我每次來他也對我說同一句話,但酒還是照給。可能他也知道現在已經再沒有任何事物何以傷害我了,一個沒有心的人,又可以傷成怎樣呢!

到現在我還清徹記得怎樣認

識炳言,他便是坐在這一個全酒吧最黑暗的位,任何人到這裏也不會選擇這個位置,但他卻是例外的。

當時我坐在一旁喝酒,已留意了這個男人一段時間,我知他不是等在等朋友。

當天他穿著一件短袖的恤衫,胸前的鈕子沒有扣上及一條洗得發白的牛仔褲,身旁還有一個很大的布袋,他剪了一個平頭裝,並不十分俊朗,他是粗獷形的,但他有自己的氣質。

我也不曉當其時我會有這樣的勇氣和他說話,可能這便是我倆的緣份吧!

「你好!我可以坐下嗎?」我手拿著酒杯,而我的眼睛是望著他的。

他沒有說話,只是做了一個手

愛不是佔有,愛是要令你深愛的人感到幸福,只要你開心我也會開心。



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勢,示意我可以坐下。

我望著他,他不單有自己的性格,在他眼裏你可以感受到有一種揮之不去的擾傷,但我知他還是快樂的。

我帶著疑問的口吻問他:「剛旅行回來嗎?」

他說:「不是。」

「要在找裏找工嗎?」

「還未決定。」他說時摸著他的面額。

「今天晚上在那裏過?」我這樣問他,只是出於一時的好奇,並沒有其他特別的含意,我並不是一個濫交的人。

「不知道,可以在你那裏過夜嗎?」他大方地說。

我答:「可以,但你沒有親人在這裏嗎?」

「沒有,我並不屬於這裏,其實任何一個地方也不屬於我,如果有一處地方是屬於我,我便不會在這裏和你說話,信我,我是一只鳥,一只四處飛翔的鳥,或許有一

天它會找到屬於它的地方。」

說完後,他的眼像望著一處很遙遠的地方,其他人是不可以到達的,那裏只有他。

「你吃了飯沒有?」

「沒有,因為我沒有多餘的錢,我的錢只夠付這杯酒。」說時他並有給人有俾微的感覺,他說得很理所當然。

「我也沒有很多錢,但足夠我們一起吃飯。」說著便拉他離開酒吧。

自那天他的鞋子便沒有離開我的家。

我跟他一起是快樂的,沒有一刻是寂寞,有了他我感到生命是有意義的,每天下班我都會盡快趕回家和他見面,見到他在公司內所受的委屈也會一掃而空,他帶給我快樂。

但今天他已不在家等我了,我再也不雖要趕回去。

因為現在我盡快回家也好慢慢回去也好,也不會見到一張笑面

等著我回來,也不會有炳言擁抱著我說我愛你,然後吻我。

但我是永遠不會忘記我們一起共渡的日子,每當我傷心或失意時我便會想想我們開心的時刻,只有那樣我才有生存的價值。

或許有一天你會回來,我們便可以像以往一樣歡歡樂樂的過日子了。

但現在的你像一只鳥兒四處飛翔,你是自由的,沒有任何人可以困著你,就連你心愛的人也不可以,因為我愛的是你的真我,我並不希望改變你,如果你變了便不是當初我所愛的人了。

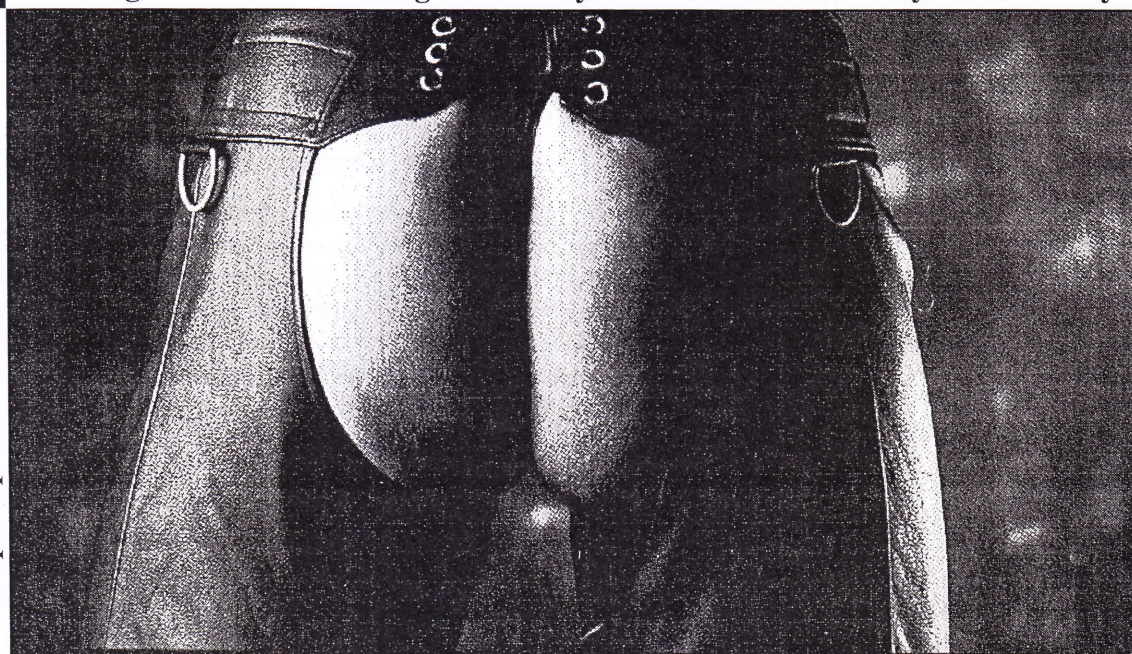
但請你保重自己的身體,病了便要去看醫生,不要老是讓小病變成大病,你要記著你還有我,請你為我多多保重自己的身體。

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# GLOBAL NEWS



## New Zealand

Papers will be filed in the Auckland High Court this month by three Lesbian couples seeking the legal right to marry. The women from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch have all been turned down

by registry offices in their cities and one couple has also complained to the Human Rights Commission. The Marriage Act 1955 is currently silent on the need for parties to a marriage to be of the opposite sex. The refusal by registry offices to issue a licence for same sex couples rest on common law. However marriages are now allowed where one partner has changed gender. The basis for the case is the 1993 Human Rights Amendment Bill which banned discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, Dr Rodney Harrison, the women lawyers said.

## USA

GLAAD was disappointed with the Oscars that *Braveheart* received. "Mel Gibson has quite a homophobic history," continued King, "It started with an insulting interview in a Spanish magazine 'El Pais,' continued with an extremely insensitive representation of a Gay man in *Bird On A Wire*, and then culminated with a very offensive representation of Edward II, who was said to be homosexual, in *Braveheart*."

"While the film may be of artistic merit, we find it disheartening that the Academy gave awards to a film that distorts history and includes gratuitous anti-Gay violence," said King. On May 23, 1995, GLAAD organised a nation-wide leafleting of theatres at which *Braveheart* premiered, educating the public about the film's anti-Gay content.

## Scotland

More people in Scotland have now been infected with HIV through heterosexual contact than through homosexual contact, a report by the Scottish Centre for Infection says. David Goldberg, the centre's deputy director, noted that transmissions among injection drug users has decreased and the rate of infection among Gay men remains stable. In addition, an estimated 570 people in Scotland have been in-

fectured through heterosexual contact compared with 550 through homosexual contact. Some 2,000 individuals are infected with HIV, nearly half of which are in the Edinburgh area, Goldberg said. AIDS workers said that many cases in the city were among needle-sharing drug-users, and that the increase in heterosexual transmissions could be largely due to female addicts who have turned to prostitution.

## Australia

JANET Holmes, Australia's richest woman, is selling her tropical island off the coast of Cairns. The new owners of Double Island plan to build a \$20 million resort catering for the Gay community. Greg Fisher of Sydney-based Minotaur Funds Ltd said finance for the 150-room Balinese style resort would be in place within four weeks. While not disclosing the price of the island, he said a recent valuation gave it a \$4.25 million price tag. Fisher said the homosexual and Lesbian community accounted for \$15 bil-

lion worth of business in the international tourist market and Australia had the second-largest Gay population in the world. He said the great success of the picturesque Gay resort at Turtle Cove, north of Cairns demonstrated the financial viability and potential of the Double Island venture. Once the plan was underwritten work would start later this year and be ready for opening in September 1997. The promoters of the proposed Gay resort have guaranteed Cairns City Council that their project will meet the highest environmental standards. The resort will eventually have three pools to service the low-set, timber-clad units which are designed to have minimal visual impact with extensive landscaping and gardens. A new ferry service will be introduced to take guests to and from the island.

## Singapore

111 new cases of HIV were reported in 1995, a 29 percent increase over 1994's figures. According to the Ministry of Health, 419 cases of HIV have been reported in Singapore since 1985, the year that statistics were first gathered. To date, 179 of these people have developed AIDS and 124 have died. All but one of the HIV-infections reported in 1995 were transmitted through sexual contact, 76 percent of which occurred through heterosexual transmission. Males accounted for 91 percent of the cases.

## Zimbabwe

President Robert Mugabe launched a fresh attack last month against homosexuals, saying he had the support of some world leaders who dared not condemn Gays in their own countries for fear of losing votes.

"Some politicians actually say the vote is more important than our moral values. Some have come to me and said I am perfectly right but they dare not say that in their countries," Mugabe told reporters without elaborating. He told a meeting of local church pastors that homosexuality should be condemned in the same way people spoke out against alcoholism, drug abuse and prostitution. "Homosexuality has yielded in a number of people who now, because of their numbers, have the courage and boldness to dare politicians," Mugabe said. Mugabe has been hitting out against homosexuals since last August when his government pressurised organisers of Zimbabwe's International Book Fair to bar a local Gay association from taking part.



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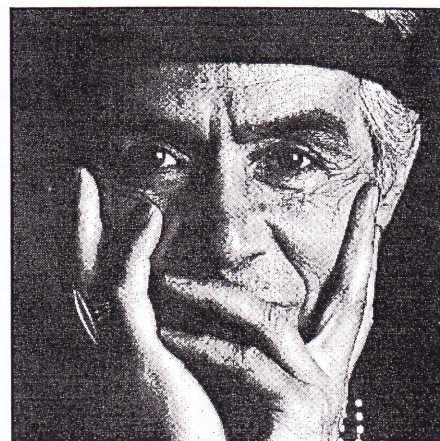
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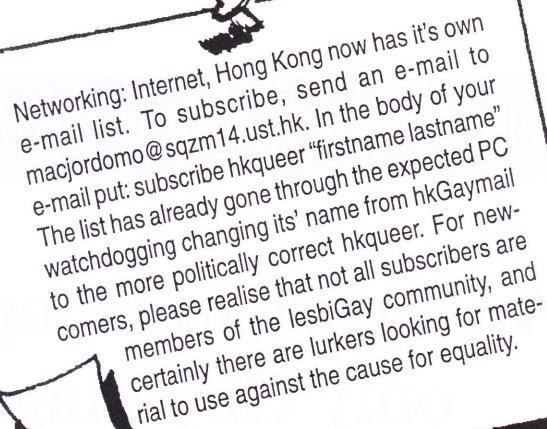


# Scene 香港 Around

## NEWS GROUP


The clari.news.Gays group will now be available in the Four-Star, Educational-Plus, and Corporate editions only. Or coverage of Gays and issues relating specifically to Gays is not being reduced. Any news that we do get will be posted to clari.news.minorities. We understand that this is not the best classification, but there is simply not enough coverage in the wire services we run to warrant a separate group in the lower editions.

Response is from the editor of the Clari News Group, Tony York <tork@looking.clarinet.com>, on why the clari.news.Gay group was shut down.



Networking: Internet, Hong Kong now has it's own e-mail list. To subscribe, send an e-mail to macjordomo@sqzm14.ust.hk. In the body of your e-mail put: subscribe hkqueer "firstname lastname" The list has already gone through the expected PC watchdogging changing its' name from hkGaymail to the more politically correct hkqueer. For newcomers, please realise that not all subscribers are members of the lesbiGay community, and certainly there are lurkers looking for material to use against the cause for equality.

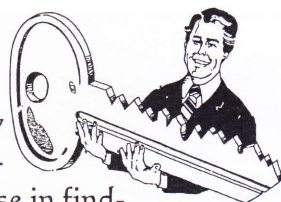
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## Isvara

While the Gay Buddhist Group no longer meets at Club 64 they haven't yet managed to find another meeting place. They do have a fax number (2374 5948) and a telephone line (2782 0649). Their address is PO Box 74342, Kowloon Central Post Office, Kowloon

The new club long awaited has finally opened it's doors. Zip is just up the hill from Propaganda, about 3 doors down from

## UNZIP NOW

Domino's Pizza. In past lives this premise was a first class restaurant with a floor to ceiling window opening to Glenealy Street, it now has an imposing stainless

steel grate completely covering the glass front. Don't look for a marquis, or sign post as there are none.

All reports so far claim that the interior has been very nicely finished, although drink prices are higher than expected.

## ADDRESS

<http://sqzm14.ust.hk/hkGay.html>.

Our very own Hong Kong LesbianGay web page is also now on the net. The URL is <http://sqzm14.ust.hk/hkGay.html>. This is a wonderful resource for those coming to Hong Kong as well as those coming out in Hong Kong. On the page is the address to send corrections, updates and revisions. Feel free to link this page to all others.

## QUOTES ONOLES

### What they said...

"Hollywood, with its dozens of Gay stars, its hundreds of Gays in positions of creative and executive power, is afraid to depict homosexual life — the world it knows and could persuasively dramatize. The whole town, timid as ever, prefers to reside in one huge, beautifully appointed celluloid closet."

*Time magazine*

"Now, with the success and the coming out, I have a lot more ...Gay male fans, which I hadn't had before. And the straight men have enjoyed the music. They love it. I see them in the front row yelling and hollering. So it's been very interesting to see things happen that you wouldn't expect to happen. It's hard to tell what fed what."

*Singer Melissa Etheridge to London's Gay Times*

"This is a sort of vulgar thing to say, but I've always been the kind of person who, when he masturbates, doesn't make up new stories but thinks about actual experiences I've actually had. I find myself having sex with the dead a lot these days. In other words, I'm remembering great sex in the past with people who are dead. So it's rather ghoulish."

*Gay author Edmund White*

"Pat Buchanan, who has reared no children, adopted or otherwise, insists that a rape victim must bring her fetus to term. The child's father he would execute. Steve Forbes, who evidently was raised well by a Gay father, is now compelled by political opportunism to attack the very idea of Gay marriages. Although [Buchanan] refers to himself as a 'traditional Catholic,' his 'pro-life' stance is devoid of the humanity and consistency of the Catholic Church. ... The 'sanctity of life' position of the Catholic Church is all-encompassing, including advocating a guarantee by the federal government that every child will have the necessities of life, and extending to opposition to the death penalty."

*Writer Robert Scheer in the Los Angeles Times*



# COTTAGES

by *Barrie Brandon*

"People think it's really shocking if they see me cruising the park or something. It's like I can't really do that because I'm showing publicly a side of being Gay that some people think is bad. Some people have an idea of how Gays should be presented to society — in a very respectable, polite way like we're really the kind of people that middle-class, respectable Britain wants us to be — and I think that is shit. What is bad to some is good to others."

—Pop singer Jimmy Somerville to SOHO Revue, the national Gay magazine of The Czech Republic.

Lets talk about Cottaging, has it become politically correct ? Or is it still frowned upon, is it all right for unhappily married and closeted men to relieve their sexual frustration in this way or is this kind of behaviour giving Gay men a bad name

Cottaging is a fact of life. It is done by a wide range of men for a number of reasons. It may be the only way to meet other Gay men in the area. It may be that you are socially isolated and unable to contact a Gay organisation or go to a commercial Gay venue. It may be that you don't identify as being Gay so don't think that the Gay scene or community support groups are for you.

It may be that you just like fast food sex. It may be that you can't afford the cost of going to a Gay club. Cottaging is singled out for particular attack in the way that any other outdoor sex is not. Many people who are happy to attack Cottaging and cottagers are quite happy to go cruising in some shopping mall or park.

Some people think that sex is a private thing that should happen between two people (only two!) in the privacy of their own homes. Anything else is unacceptable. So they disapprove of people who a

have sex in parks, cottages, saunas, clubs or bars.

Others dislike Cottaging because it "brings Gay people into disrepute". The main reason that Cottaging carries more of the burden of people's concern and dislike than other forms of public sex is because it is one of the easier activities to police. Consequently there are frequent arrests and large scale press coverage, mainly in the Chinese press. Most of the rest is reasonably hidden from the public's gaze.

I think that we need to look at the nuisance value of Cottaging. I find it less annoying that someone I don't fancy is waving their willy at me than some hell fire politician haranguing me around the town and I don't see the police rushing to arrest the politician!

If people are propositioning people who don't want propositioning then this is unacceptable, but should not be treated as a criminal matter. If the police are brought in they should move people on, not arrest them.

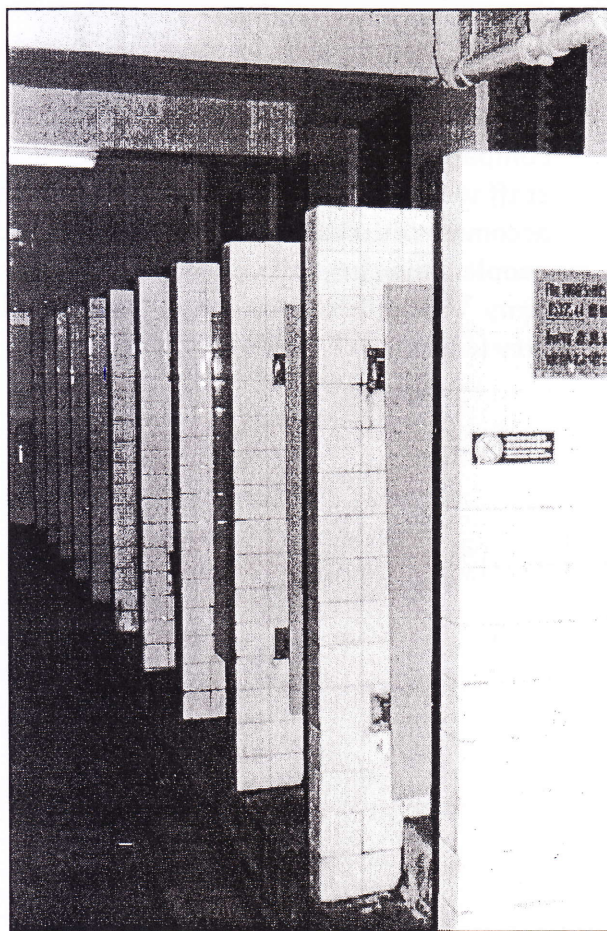
Locally the police have gone to a cruising area at 2 am, to locate and arrest Cottagers. This is not in a residential are

- far from it, this is Central we're talking about here. Why do police bother when there are numerous cases of rape, murder, assault and robbery throughout Hong Kong that they ought to be pursuing?

The answer is because Gay sex is still beyond the pale. This is the real reason why Cottaging so frowned upon. What is it about picking men up in cottages for sex that makes it so different? Probably the fact that it's in a toilet. Still that shouldn't bother everyone. The seediness of it all acts as a real turn on for some.

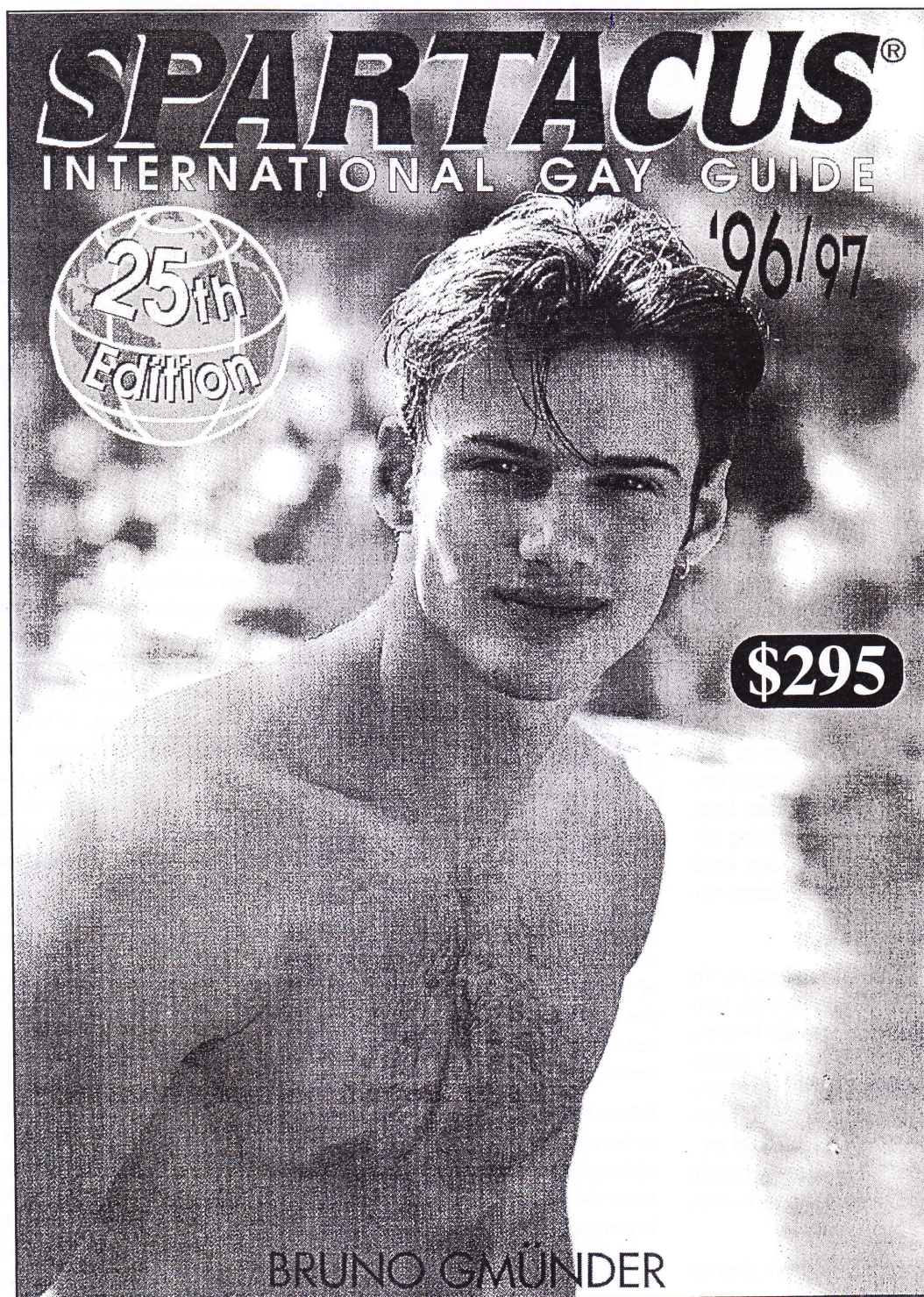
The thing that it really pisses (excuse the pun) the police off that a public toilet is supposed to be just that but some must seem to be quite "dangerous" places to go to if they are really popular cottages. Whereas park and mall cruising probably happens mostly late in the evening, most people don't realise what's happening around them.

This 'crime' - of having sex in a public place is one of the very few laws where there is no victim. It is very difficult to imagine any third person being outraged by two men having consensual sex in a cubicle of a public toilet, in the early hours of the morning.





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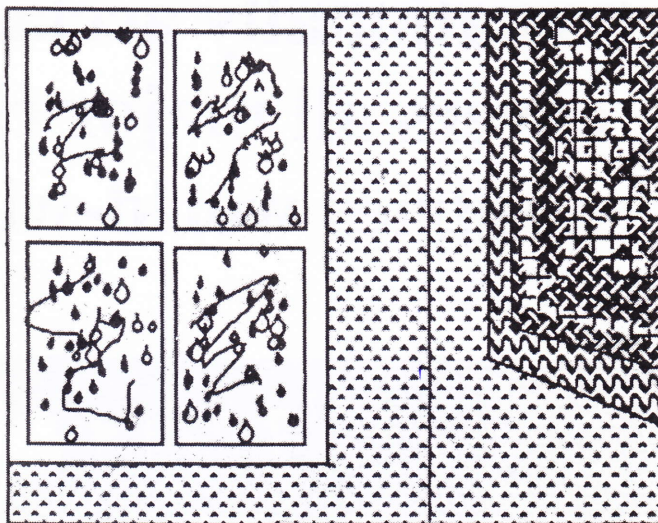


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# C R Y I N G

by Hilary Oultan

**P**eople watched as she twirled her long red skirt around and around. The skirt she had made by taking off her dark blue winter coat and tying the sleeves about her waist letting the hem of the coat trail on the hard white frosted ground. Circling, with arms outstretched, she saw in her mind's eye the glittering chandeliers as they glistened and winked at the lace and diamond-jewelled women in the enormous golden room. Footmen, straight-backed and stiff upper lips, milled amongst those not dancing offering champagne in sparking lead crystal glasses carried upon large silver platters.

The grey, dump of the street she lived in disappeared. It became lined with lush green trees. The entrances to the houses, doors painted bright yellow with glossy black door knockers the sound both censorious and protective. Gardens threw their pale purple and white abundant garlands over the freshly painted wrought iron railings inviting the passer-by to stop, smell and admire the beauty.

"Wearing your rose coloured glasses again?" came the gentle taunt from across the street.

"And why not?" she answered.

"One day you're gonna find out." came the prophesy.

Looking through the small square panes of glass that was being, at this very moment, washed steadily and tenaciously by rain, she saw the picture plane moved slightly to the right and then to the left as rivulets of water found invisible tracks to follow.

She noticed the green of the garden was fresh-daubed by the rain, as her left hand cupped her left cheek and a tear dripped off her cheek and over the heel of her hand. As a young girl she had cried throat-lumpy gulps of cheek swelling tears when the Red Indians had been killed by the cavalry at the cinema's Saturday matinee. Sorrow had racked her skinny chest, tightening it hard and fast, like the tourniquet she had applied to the soft pink latex arm of her baby-doll that she had had when she was nine years old. It had afforded her a satisfying sensation; something had been assuaged, achieved.

When she was older and said good-bye as her mother's lidded coffin entered the oblong hole surrounded by wet sticky clay on a cold February morning, a lonely feeling engulfed her and stayed with her for a very long time. Four years later she knew nothing would ever be as bad as that again, and that, she considered, to be a great blessing.

The telephone rang. She reached out, lifted the receiver and placed it at her free ear.

"Emm,.....No, she's not here." She replaced the receiver and pushed her open-palmed hand onto the window and ran it slowly down the glass pane feeling the cold spread over her had, through her wrist and travel up her arm as she imagined the wetness of the water trickling down on the other side. Maybe I am over-reacting she ruminated in a slow thought floating, lolling way. The telephone rang once more. She lifted it immediately and, this time, placed it directly on it's bed. Cradle no longer seemed an appropriate word to her, the telephone had become flatter, squatter and double-bed like its contemporary design. The rain eased, becoming finer, as if it was running low but wanting to stay around as long as possible.

"But dear rain," she said aloud, "it will do no good. You will run out and you will be no more." She withdrew her hand. She moved into the kitchen and peered short-sightedly out of the large oval window. Movie stills slipped through her mind. They fell and landed gently like flats in the theatre - two dimensional yet promising depth - somewhere in the soft grey moistness of her belly. Looking through windows was a comfort for her, a cerebral limbo; films frozen by the push of the pause button, suspended animation comforted her raging pink-jagged soul.

The scene from her most favourite movie



came alive as she stared unblinking at the flowers in the yard. Janet McTeer portraying vita Sackville West, striding ahead of Violet, rushing up the hill wearing a manish-cut brown coat and britches. the day had been sunny with green grass mown short to prickly naked feet. Acres of rolling downs and the wide girth trunks of five hundred-year-old oak trees sat smugly in the field. Deer wandered in that pleasant yellow-lit glade, unafraid and unassuming on a typical English summer's day with the Goddess in her heaven looking down indulgently. The image was intercut with flashes, red and dusty, from Desert Hearts. The Professor alighting from the silver slug of a train looking with dismay at the culture lacking place where she as had to spend six weeks so that she could obtain her freedom from an essentially mild-mannered but ineffective cod fish that had masqueraded as her superior but was only her husband.

The still, dehydrating heat sat comfortably with the red desert sun, triumphant in the knowledge that all was arid, throat rasping and spine-melting mad-making. Waiting for the divorce - bored and anxious; tensions built mountains of lust and sexual wetness that matched in height and solidity the surrounding, encapsulating hills. Coded glances cast outwards as sweat ran down unsatiated bodies. Trembling yearnings, adolescent-like in appearance and depth, soaked nights and created ragged undulating laser-like pathways between the two good looking Lesbians begging fornication. Naked needs were met.

All had been orchestrated to titillate the viewer as, white arsed and bare breasted, the two Lesbians found their carnal satisfaction amidst uncaring, obsessed gamblers. The scene from the Dutch film, *The Silence of Christine M*, imposed itself. The one where the women, silently kill the silly man who thought he was God.

The rain stops. The back yard with its pots of chrysanthemums and avocado stone leafy plants beckon to her. She enters the small courtyard that was now hers alone and stands with her left shoulder-blade resting on the red-brown brick wall. The rain-soaked chair beckons but she declines. Wet knickers revolted her.

Vita returned and homogenised with Martina; one of the greatest tennis players in history and she got confused. She could never reconcile these two found patterns and make a convincing Amazon. Always, she had tried to make Amazons

and never very successfully she drearily admitted to herself.

As a little girl she would accept the cardboard cut-outs of women as playthings and the first thing she did was cut the frills off all their addresses.

Later she made them different clothes, clumsily drawn with a thick pencil and cut out of cheap, soggy paper, sacrificing pretty coloured dresses for the poor, grey paper outfits her unwieldy fingers made. She could see them now; the flyer suit, she copied from a book she read about Amy stories she had read adoringly about middle-class girls and their ponies. Top hats and jackets she had copied from the Boys Own annuals that had belonged to her brother, annuals filled with tales of intrigue and adventure.

She moved into the living room, a small room decorated in pale shades of cream and beige; covers bought at David Jones when the prices were slashed due to sales, a small pine suite bought from money her mother had given her for Christmas, small piece of unobtrusive art, good but quiet, given her by friends.

She liked a comfortable home. She was unhappy in dingy surroundings, it reminded her too much of her past yet she was equally disconcerted by bold, brash colours. Safety is what I need she acknowledged to herself as she wandered from room to room. Then why the hell did I get involved with someone like Amelia? She silently screamed. Because every now and then you break out of the mould and boy oh boy do you pay the price, came the reply.

"When I go for different, I go for different," she said to Gina, her one fish. As she twiddled her finger menacingly in the water of the bowl the slim golden fish began to swim ferociously around and around. "Swim in a circle, go backwards if you can. Move quickly Gina or you will be caught and naught will save you." she whispered to the fish. Gina seemed to move faster. A flash of sunlight fell on its golden back showing it to be translucent. She stopped at once. "I'm sorry Gina, I'm in a foul mood today."

The telephone rang again. This time, she let it ring. Twenty-seven rings she counted. She walked back into the study and sat down at another window in front of a word-processor. As she typed words showed themselves on the small monochrome screen. She was superstitious about the written word as some people

were said to be about having their likeness recorded. Sometimes she worried about where the words went and that if she used her quota up what would happen? She typed anyway.

Sally Quigley 251 Stretton Street Sydney 4554

Dear Lia,

I do not want to talk to you or see you or hear from you or think about you ever again. I am sure that when enough time has passed I will be able to view this section of my life with equilibrium but right now I don't give a shit about such things. Right now you are the one person (except for deadhead men) I do not want to converse with, listen to or look at or hear about. I am sure that it would be delightful for you to have my blessing but you are not getting it so put that in your intellectual pipe and analyse it. Please respect my autonomy and rights as you do your own. To make sure there is no misunderstanding - I do not want you calling me on the telephone. I don't want you calling to my place of work or my home. I want you to forget that I exist as I am forgetting all that I ever knew about you.

Sally.

PS If you refuse I will hex you and that pock-marked wanker you now call lover. Sally clicked the 'print' option. Satisfaction crept over her as she watched the blank A4 sheet transform into a letter. She ripped the page from its clones at the perforations, folded it and placed it in an envelope. She stuck the flap to the main body of the envelope with the help of the saliva in her mouth, hand addressed it and pressed a self-sticking stamp on it.

She lifted her bag from the hard-backed chair. The telephone rang again. She turned and looked at it, then she picked up a large empty instant coffee jar from the floor with her left hand and smashed the jar against the wall above the telephone and watched, with a smile slowly spreading across her mouth, as the shards fell onto the telephone, unsettled the receiver and silenced the machine. As the last silvers of glass tinkled to the floor, the quietness reminded her of the first time she saw a snowflake under a microscope, then as now the silence seemed visual, welcome and all-enveloping.

The clock in the kitchen chimed six times.

Sally walked to the corner street post-box and dropped the letter unceremoniously into the thin rectangular dark gap.





# The Bill

by Robin Adams

**T**he first week of March, a "draft" response in Chinese to the consultation document was circulated. The submission was written by Elsie Leung, a member of the Hong Kong Non Government Organisations (NGO's) Liaison Group on Women's Issues who was apparently the Government's first choice for head of the Equal Opportunities Commission which will be charged with overseeing the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and Disability Discrimination Ordinance both of which were passed last year.

In her submission, Leung claims that "it is in no way unfair that no special status of the homosexual is recognised by law, as this is a status chosen by himself or herself, who will naturally have to bear the consequences." When called on to explain why women should be protected, but the lesbiGay community should not, a spokesperson for the group claimed that "Job advertisements in the newspaper

explicitly state: Male only. They don't say: Homosexuals need not apply. Therefore there is no discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men." The spokesperson went on to further admit that she hadn't even read the consultation paper, but she did call herself "Gay friendly."

At the end of the consultation period, several events took place. Tuesday, March 25 a press conference in Lau Chin Sek's office in TST was held. Chaired by Christine Loh, Queer Sisters presented results of a survey of over 100 respondents on Chinese female sexual minorities. Quoted in the Hong Kong Women Christian Council February newsletter was that "a great majority (86%) regarded the reason for their sexual identities as 'personal choice'." Is this what Hong Kong's lesbiGay community want to present to the public? Taken out of context, as it appears to have been done in the newsletter, statements such as these can easily be construed as reasons to deny legal protection of Lesbians and Gays - why should there be legislation protecting us if we choose to be this way?

Also at the briefing was Julian Chan, head of the Isvara, Hong Kong's lesbiGay Buddhist organisation, and representatives of the 10% Club, and of course the Women's Christian Council. The meeting was held entirely in Cantonese.

On Friday, March 29, the Home Affairs Office and Legco co-hosted a panel on the two consultation studies (sexuality and family responsibility) in the Legco Chamber. Applications to present at this forum were due in to the Secretariat's office on March 15. Sadly, most organisations only

learned about the meeting on the 13th.

Not surprisingly, advocates of equal civil rights showed up to support the NGO presenters, but opponents of the original Equal Opportunities Bill were conspicuous by their absence.

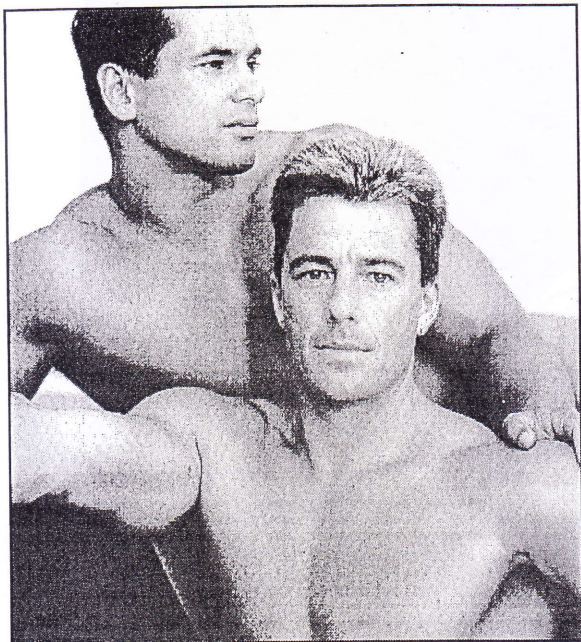
Sunday, the 31st a rally was held at the Kowloon Mosque MTR station. The usual crowd of sympathetic Legco members showed up to address the public and solicit passers by to sign letters to the Home Affairs Branch not only supporting anti-discrimination legislation, but legal recognition of same sex marriage in Hong Kong as well.

No members of the Lesbian community were there to lend their support, a total of about 20 Gay men showed up during the two hour festivity. Could this be the beginning of Hong Kong's Pride Parade?

Not surprisingly, the South China Morning Post reported nothing on any of these events although invitations and reminders were extended. While frequently sensationalising LesbiGay culture (photos of drag queens in the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras) the Eastern Express has emerged as a far more Gay-friendly English language newspaper. Tuesdays in the Express are far more likely to contain Gay related stories.

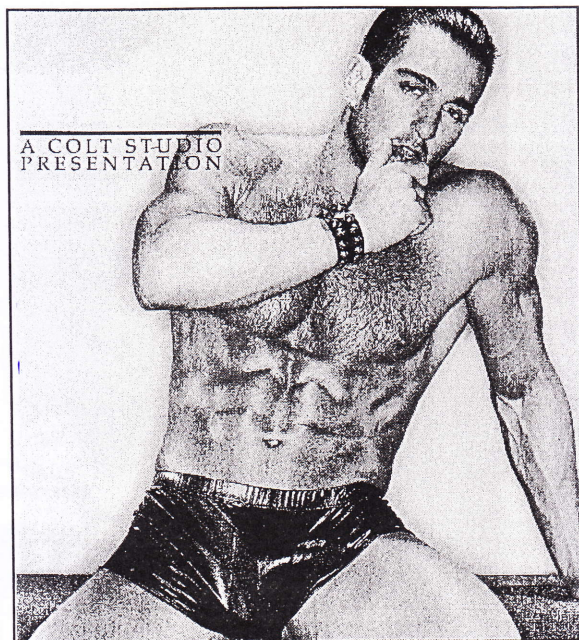
A working group meeting specifically to address ways to lobby the Hong Kong public on legislation protecting the LesbiGay community hold meetings every month. All those interested are invited to attend. Call Christine Loh's office: 2537-2485. The press are not welcome at these meetings. ■





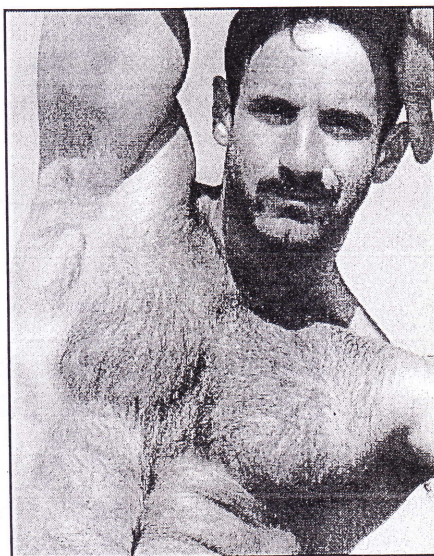
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# Persona Non Grata

## Gays And Lesbians Struggle With U.S. Immigration Policy

*by Eugene J. Patron*

**News stories of thousands of Haitians and Cubans trying to make landfall in Florida, Chinese immigrants being smuggled into New York and Mexicans traversing the Rio Grande, have made immigration reform a hot political issue.**

Yet foreign born Gays and Lesbians face a particular set of difficulties in seeking entry, asylum and residency in the U.S.. Not only do they face a wall of governmental indifference to their individuals circumstances, but many are also critical of the American Gay and Lesbian community for its lack of support.

Thousands of Gay and Lesbian couples live in fear of one partner being deported for residing illegally in the United States. For most, their status as illegal aliens does not stem from a willful crime, but rather the inequality of U.S. immigration law.

Heterosexual marriage between a U.S. and foreign born citizen is recognised by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) as grounds for residency in the U.S.. The same, however, does not hold true for Gay and Lesbian partnerships.

While Canada, Australia and five other countries allow the same-sex partners of their citizens to immigrate, the U.S. does not.

Bewilderment, anger and frustration are common threads in the stories of those Gays and Lesbians couples in which one partner faces possible deportation. Exasperated by running into one legal dead end after another, the American partner of a Frenchman whose student visa has expired says,

"People condemn homosexuals; they say we're promiscuous, we don't stay together, but here we are in a committed relationship, and they're putting up obstacles."

In response to such hardships, the Lesbian and Gay Immigration Task Force is

trying to change U.S. immigration policies and laws. The three-year-old, New York based organisation is collecting the stories of Gays and Lesbians with immigration difficulties to use in lobbying government agencies and elected officials. With chapters in Los Angeles, Columbus Ohio, San Francisco and Washington D.C., the task force offers bi-monthly or monthly free law clinics.

Equally important, the Task Force works to counter disinformation within the Lesbian and Gay community about immigration laws. First and foremost: homosexuality is not grounds for deportation, but is in fact grounds for political asylum — if the applicant can prove that he or she will be placed at risk by returning to his or her country of origin.

Christopher Nugent, a board member of



the Task Force explains that HIV is another area of confusion.

"Despite the precipitous rise of HIV infection in immigrant communities, many immigrants avoid voluntary, confidential and anonymous HIV testing since they fear INS could get their hands on the information and that HIV is per se ground of deportation, which it is not."

For Gladyes and Juanita (real names withheld to protect their identity), that reluctance to come to the assistance of fellow Gays and Lesbians just adds to their pain.

Gladyes, a naturalised U.S. citizen of Columbian origin, met Juanita during a trip to Columbia last year. They travelled throughout Columbia together for a month and made plans to stay together in Columbia. Yet when Juanita's family discovered she was a Lesbian, they threw her out of their house, blackmailed her into shutting her small restaurant and refused to let her see her other relatives.

"Initially Juanita was denied a visa," says Gladyes. "But we got her a tourist visa by having letters of invitation from the Michigan women's festival and the Stonewall 25 organisers. I was pretty much set on getting her here. So she arrived her in

June in New York during the Stonewall celebrations."

More than six months latter, Juanita's visa has expired. According to her lawyer, the only thing she can do, outside of buying a phoney green card or entering into a shame marriage, is to stay underground. She doesn't want to be a guinea pig in a high risk legal challenge to try and change immigration laws.

Delivering food to offices, Juanita brings home on average US\$17 a day. She makes some extra money cleaning houses. Gladyes does not make much more. Fake papers or finding someone to marry Juanita, would cost a few thousand dollars, which neither of them has.

"On paper, Columbia has non discrimination laws based on sexual identity that are far above and beyond what he U.S. has. Yet the reality is very different."

"People are very intolerant," Juanita adds. It's very difficult to be an open Lesbian in Columbia. You have to move to a big city, and even there you live in fear. Many leave the country, including my own brother who is Gay and lives in London." In effect Juanita has traded on fear for another, now having to exist as a person

with few rights in the U.S.. She is, she says, part of a large group of Lesbians and Gay men in Miami who cannot freely and openly participate in society.

"The net effect of homophobia in U.S. society, and the marginalization of Gay and Lesbian immigrants within the dominant Gay and Lesbian culture, leaves Gay and Lesbian immigrants with little space to construct and affirm their identities," says Nugent.

"This certainly belies the reason why many Gays and Lesbians come to the United States: to experience greater freedom in the sexual identities than in their home countries."

Rather than freedom, Juanita and Gladyes find themselves watching their step as they are forced to live in a shadowy world of uncertainty. The scenes they so relishes of being amongst thousands of Lesbians at the women's festival Michigan last summer, now comes back to them as a bittersweet dream.

"All that community support, where is it?" Gladyes asks. "I don't want to think it was just an illusion of sisterhood and not real. But right now, we're feeling very much alone."



# IFW

## International Friendship Weekend, London 1996

*by James Sun*

**S**ince 1990, the International Friendship Weekend (IFW) has been an annual opportunity for Asians & Friends groups and API groups to get together for a weekend with the emphasis on making lasting friendships.

In 1994, London won the bid to host the International Friendship Weekend in 1996. This is the first time in the history of IFW that the weekend will be held outside the US. "We feel very pleased and proud that London has been chosen for this prestigious event" said organiser James Sun.

It is now only 5 months to go until visitors from all continents converge on London to participate in IFW 96. The August Bank Holiday weekend (August 23rd-26th) was chosen as it leads into the week before the US Labor Day weekend.

The weekend is a chance to get together with old friends and meet new friends from around the globe, all in a warm non-threatening environment which combines workshops, social activities, tours and a great deal more. The Kingsley Hotel in

Central London will host the weekend and a hospitality suite will provide a point of contact for locals and visitors.

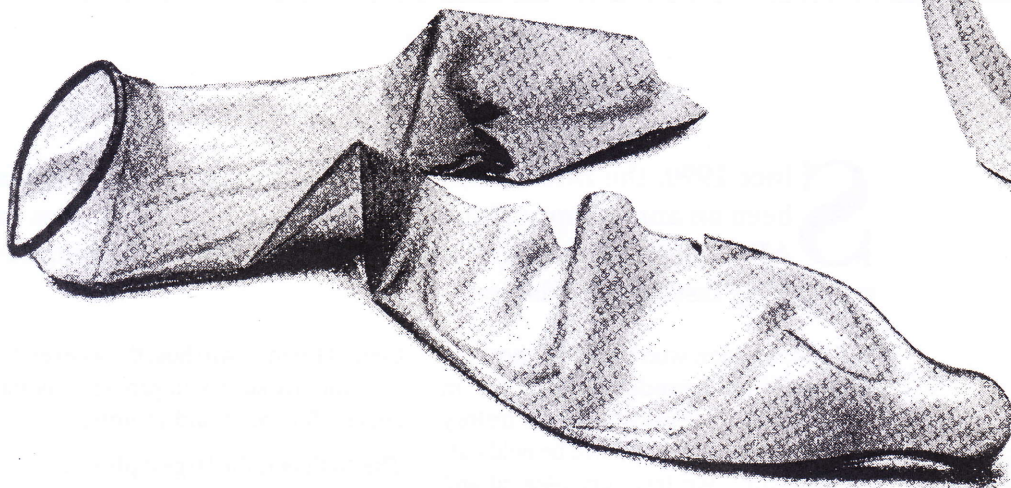
The Naticia is the largest pleasure cruiser on the river Thames and will be the venue for the river boat dinner and disco on Saturday night. Catamaran Cruises who own and operate the Naticia are a high quality, professional company.

The ever-fabulous, and seemingly ageless, Gay night-club Heaven, the largest in Europe, will host an International Cabaret on the Sunday evening followed by a disco using the main downstairs stage and dance floor.

Registration forms from IFW, Long Yang Club, BCM Wisdom, London WC1N 3XX UK.



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other a massage, have a towel or tissue handy to wipe your hands.

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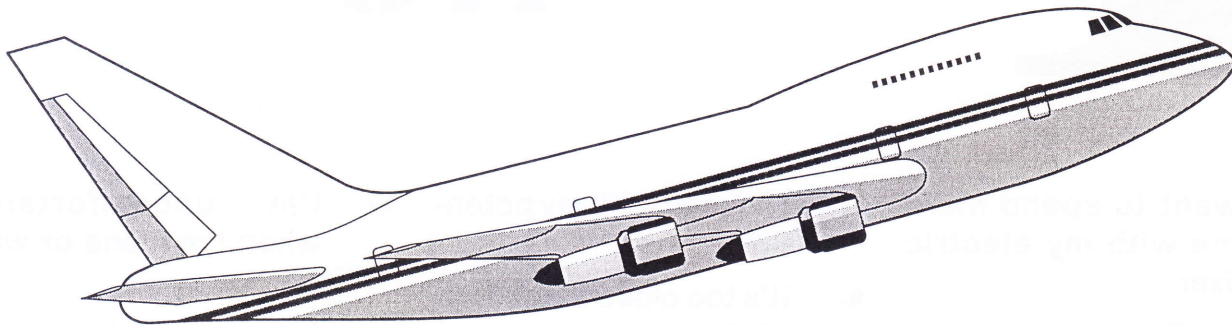
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- ☹ The Governor said he might drop in.
- ☹ The man on television told me to say tuned.
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- ☹ I'm sandblasting my oven.
- ☹ I'll be looking for a parking space.
- ☹ I have to fluff my shower cap.
- ☹ I've come down with a really horrible case of something or other.
- ☹ I made an appointment with a cuticle specialist.
- ☹ I'm too old/young for that stuff.
- ☹ My bathroom tiles need grouting.
- ☹ I have to fulfil my potential.
- ☹ It's too close to the turn of the century.
- ☹ I have some real hard words to look up in the dictionary.
- ☹ I have to answer all of my "occupant" letters.
- ☹ None of my socks match.
- ☹ I have to be on the next train to Bermuda.
- ☹ I'm touring China with a wok band.
- ☹ My chocolate-appreciation class meets that night.
- ☹ I never go out on days that end in "Y."
- ☹ I'll have too much guilt.
- ☹ I have to wash/condition/perm/curl/tease/torment my hair.
- ☹ I'm uncomfortable when I'm alone or with others.
- ☹ I promised to help a friend fold road maps.
- ☹ I feel a song coming on.
- ☹ I'm trying to be less popular.
- ☹ I'm planning to go downtown to try on gloves.
- ☹ I'm waiting to see if I'm already a winner.
- ☹ My favourite commercial might be on TV. I have to study for a blood test.
- ☹ I'm going to be old someday.
- ☹ I think you want the OTHER [your name].
- ☹ I'm trying to cut down.

... WELL, MAYBE.



# United We Stand



## **Lesbian and Gay employees of United Airlines have joined forces creating a new employee group, United At United in Los Angeles.**

**A** new grass-roots organisation, United At United was formed, in February 1996, by a group of employees at the Los Angeles reservation centre.

United Airlines have been making attempts to recently tap into the highly lucrative Gay travel market. In response to this marketing endeavour, numerous inquiries by employees, as well as the changing work environment, United at United has grown to be a system-wide (world-wide) organisation.

"It is entirely appropriate that the world's largest employee-owned company strive to meet the needs of its diverse employees," said founder, David Tombs. "Diversity is something we as an airline have been professing for a long time now. Isn't it time we privately practice what we publicly preach?"

In an effort to meet the changing needs of the travelling public, United Airlines has made some significant policy change. In 1995, the emergency travel insurance was changed to include "lifetime domestic partners." while this was a notable change, the policy only applies to the public; there are no policies in place acknowledging employees' lifetime domestic partners."

Tombs went on to say "Publicly, United Airlines will be spon-

soring the AIDS Quilt in Washington, D.C. Ironically, last week a United employee in the same city lost his partner to AIDS. Even though both individuals were employees of United Airlines, the surviving employee was forced to take personal unpaid leave during his time of grief; any other employee would be given three days paid leave if the same occurred to an 'immediate' family member."

United Airlines have made some bold, positive policy changes that we are very excited about," Tomb continued. "Now we want to encourage our company to continue in that direction, demonstrating consistency in attitude toward both staff and customers."

Some of the goals of United At United include: acknowledgement of the contributions Lesbian and Gay employees have made to United Airlines' success; domestic partner benefits (including health, travel, family leave, and pension benefits); specified diversity and sensitivity training; AIDS awareness and education; official policy regarding HIV-infected employees; monitoring allegations of harassment based on sexual orientation; and specific recommendations for charitable contributions.



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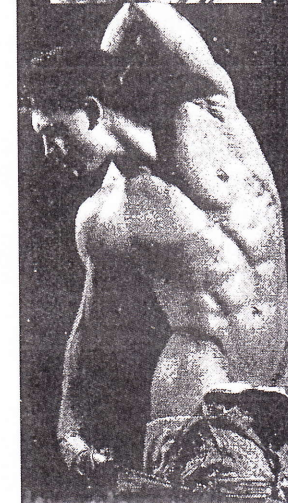
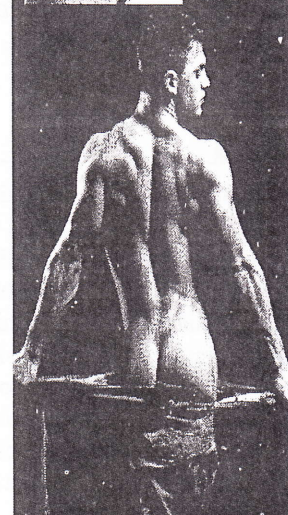
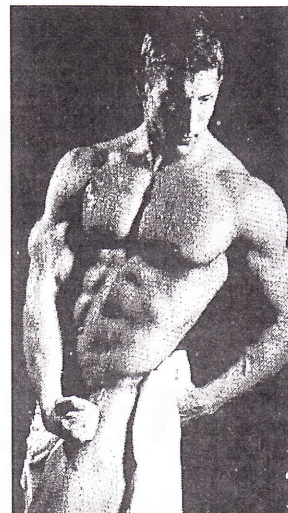
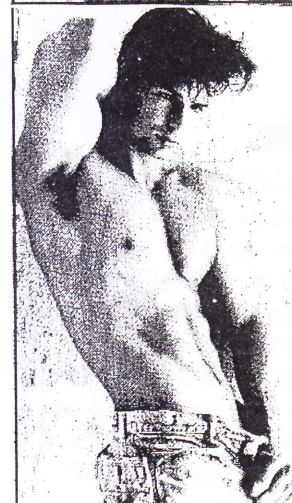
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# Global Discrimination

**T**he Global Map of discrimination gives a brief outline of the legal and social position of Lesbians and Gay men in a range of countries. In some countries that have no sodomy

laws, or where laws have been repealed, there are instances of persecution carried out directly by the state in the form of 'decency' laws, or in the selective persecution of Lesbians and Gays under other laws. Or persecution may be carried out by non-

## Mexico

The situation in Mexico is quite complex. On the one hand, Mexico boasts a large number of Gay organisations, some of them quite old and well established. On the other hand, there are many instances of discrimination and persecution, such as murders of Gay men and transvestites in the states of Chiapas and Sinaloa, and reports of police repression against Gay men and transvestites in the city of Chihuahua in 1995 and the killing of activists in Mexico City.

## Nicaragua

In article 204 provides that "anyone who induces, promotes, propagandises or practices in scandalous form sexual intercourse between persons of the same sex commits the crime of sodomy".

## Jamaica

Homosexual behaviour is illegal making homosexual intercourse between men a crime, punishable with imprisonment and hard labour for up to ten years.

## Ecuador

Homosexual acts can be punished with up to eight years imprisonment, eight years for the "aggressor" in cases of force or violence, four to eight years for both parties in the case of consenting adults. Homosexuals are often subjected to police harassment and violence.

## Chile

Male homosexual acts are illegal. Article 365 of the Penal Code sanctions consenting male homosexual activity as a sodomy delict with a penalty of one and a half to three years' imprisonment. Lesbian sexual contacts are not mentioned in the law. Homosexuals are often subjected to official and police harassment and violence.

## Brazil

Although Brazil has a strong Lesbian and Gay rights movement, it also has some of the worst examples of oppression of Lesbians and Gays in the world. Although homosexuality is not illegal, the police use the pretext of "safeguarding morality and public decency" and "preventing outrageous behaviour" to stop, arrest, and bring homosexuals to trial. there are reports of more than 320 Lesbians and Gays being killed in the recent past because of their sexual orientation.

## Argentina

Although homosexual behaviour between consenting adults is not mentioned in the law as being a criminal offence, many provinces have "edictos policiales" on the basis of which one can be detained for 30 days of "offences against morality" and for 48 hours for "documentation controls", these rules are used especially against Gay men and make registration of them possible.

## Algeria

Homosexual acts between men and between women are illegal according to section 338 of the penal code with a maximum penalty of three years' imprisonment. Openly homosexual relationships are not possible and homosexuality cannot be discussed in public.

## Ghana

Homosexual behaviour is illegal. Article 303-a of the Penal Code of April 30 1988, sanctions it as a "public scandal" with three months to one year of imprisonment, or a fine for "people persistently bothering others with homosexual amorous advances." Homosexuals are often subjected to official police violence.



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state agents while the state is unwilling or unable to control them. It is also worth remembering that we cannot assume a common identity as Lesbian or Gay in other cultures, similar to the common western understanding. What we can assume is

that where laws suggest or reports show persecution because of sexual orientation, that there are individuals or communities that deserve support and help.

## Libya

Sharia, the Islamic law, which punishes homosexual acts, is enforced severely with imprisonment for homosexual acts of between three and five years.

## Iran

Homosexuality is considered "one of the worst possible sins imaginable" which has to be punished severely, and the Islamic Penal Code allows for prison sentences, whipping, chopping off of hands and feet, stoning and sentences of death.

## Pakistan

Laws prohibit "carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man", with a punishment of two years to life imprisonment, which may be extended to include corporal punishment of 100 lashes.

## India

Homosexual acts between men are illegal. The Penal Code criminalises "carnal intercourse against the order of nature with man, woman or animal" with a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

## China

Homosexuality is considered to be a "foreigners disease". Homosexual behaviour between consenting adults is not mentioned in the law as being a criminal offence. There are, however, reports of homosexuals being imprisoned on specious grounds, such as section 158 of the penal code, which penalises "disturbance against the social order" with up to five years in jail.

## Malaysia

Homosexual behaviour is illegal. Laws punish whoever voluntarily has "carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal," with a maximum penalty of twenty years' imprisonment and a fine of whipping.

## Bangladesh

Homosexual behaviour is illegal; Islamic laws against homosexuality are applied. The government's official stance is that homosexuality does not exist. Socially, homosexuality is considered to be a perversion.

## Ethiopia

Homosexual acts between men and between women are illegal with a penalty of "simple imprisonment" from ten days to three years, with the possibility of increasing the penalty with five years or more.

## Zimbabwe

Homosexual behaviour between males is a criminal offence. The President of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe has led a virulent attack on the country's Lesbians and Gays stating that activism in support of homosexual emancipation will not be tolerated. Mugabe's government has a history of harassing Lesbians and Gays.

Sources: The ILGA Pink Book, IGLHRC Bulletin, Gay Times, Guardian Newspaper, Unspoken Rules - Sexual Orientation and Women's Human Rights IGLHRC.



**I**t started as a peaceful street protest in defence of Gay rights and finished in a riot, but 18 years later Sydney's annual Lesbian and Gay Mardi Gras has blossomed into the world's biggest festival of homosexual pride.

The Mardi Gras has also put Sydney on the Gay international tourist map, spawning a burgeoning multi-million dollar tourism industry catering for the specific needs of Gay travellers.

In fact, Gay travel agents say Australia will soon challenge established Gay holiday destinations such as Palm Springs in the United States and Greece's Mykonos.

"I think the Gay traveller is attracted to Australia primarily because we live in a tolerant society," said Grant Holmes from Gay travel agency Jornada.

Each year half a million Australians, Gay and straight, attend the flamboyant, and at times bawdy, Gay parade along Oxford Street in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

State-owned television nationally broadcasts the parade, featuring leather-clad men being whipped on bare buttocks, topless Lesbians kissing on motorcycles and a chorus-line of oil-skinned men in "Playboy" rabbit ears and tails.

"It is still a protest for Gay rights, it will always remain a protest, but a much more elaborate one than the first," said Bev Lange, president of the Lesbian and Gay Mardi Gras.

The parade is the centrepiece of a month-long Gay festival in Sydney which injects more than A\$58 million (US\$44 million) annually into the local economy, according to a study by the Australian Graduate School of Management.

Gay travel agents estimate that up to 10,000 Gay tourists, from Britain, Europe and the United States, visit Australia each year, with the major attraction the Sydney parade held on the first Saturday in March.

This May 1,000 Gay travel agents from around the world will descend on Sydney for their annual conference after Australia's Gay travel association lobbied for the conference with a video highlighting Sydney's Gay attractions.

"Sydney's really good because whether you're into leather men or pretty boys, drag queens, there is something here for everyone ..." said one anonymous male on the video.

But what is Gay tourism?

"I think the main issue is that if the same sex couple checks into a hotel they don't want the problem of having to ask for a double bed or there being a problem if they do want to sleep in the same bed," Gay travel agent Lyn Hocking, from Destinations Downunder, said.

Tom Hatfield's Governors on Fitzroy Gay guest-house near Oxford Street offers a friendly atmosphere for guests. "Our guest-

# The Party's Over... for another year

*by Brother Sister*

house is a small one, we only have six rooms, so we are more of a home atmosphere," Hatfield said.

"We can point them (Gay tourists) to the bars, the shops and activities that are more important to the Lesbian and Gay traveller," he said.

At the other end of the market is Turtle Cove, Australia's only exclusively Lesbian and Gay resort.

Situated on a secluded beach near the tropical city of Cairns, Turtle Cove is a short boat ride to the Great Barrier Reef and offers the best of Australia's hedonistic lifestyle.

It is also marketed as a romantic destination.

"We think the ambience creates a Gay atmosphere," said Turtle Cove Marketing Director Michael Williams.

"They (guests) can relax and be themselves without fear of reaction from other people. If they want to hold hands in the restaurant or kiss and cuddle on the beach there is going to be no reaction," Williams said.

Turtle Cove offers all the normal activities of a tropical resort, such as reef trips and diving courses, but it also has a few special services.

High heel shoes and frocks are available free in the resort shop for male guests who wish to dress up for dinner and a leaflet on a reception table advertises a discreet partner only a short drive away.

But not all Australians are in favour of Gay tourism.

The Reverend Fred Nile, a fundamentalist preacher and member of the New South Wales parliament, is a vocal critic and has been the target of Gay ridicule. During the 1994 parade a giant pink paper mache model of Nile's head was carried on a platter.

"I think it is a form of sex tourism. I think it could lead to the spread of HIV-AIDS ... particularly if you are bringing people in from overseas who are carrying the virus," Nile said.

But those in the industry disagree.

"We don't advertise ourselves as a sex venue ... but we are fully aware that sex happens and if you go into the rooms you will find one difference from a straight hotel in that there are condoms in the draws," Williams said.

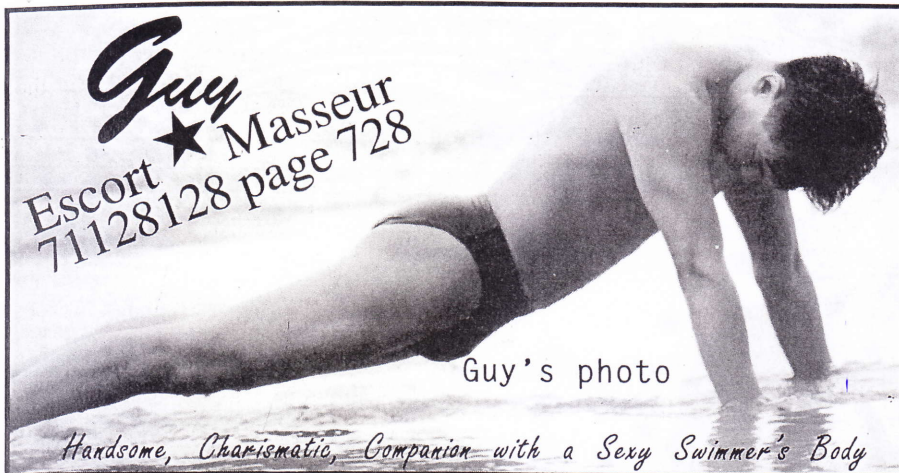
Dr Julian Gold from Sydney's Albion Street Aids Clinic, Australia's largest AIDS clinic with 2,000 patients, says Gay travellers with HIV or AIDS are very responsible about their medical condition when abroad.

"Patients tell us that there is really no evidence that HIV-positive people here are spreading the disease to unsuspecting Gay tourists who come to Australia," Gold said.

"And there is certainly no evidence at all that HIV-positive people coming on holidays to Australia are spreading HIV to young people here," he said. "It is just scare-mongering."



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# Priests

by Craig Wilde

In late February on the Sunday Programme on BBC Radio 4, the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Revd Desmond Tutu, spoke in favour of ordaining homosexual people to the priesthood.

The Archbishop was speaking in a personal capacity from Cape Town. He was interviewed by the Sunday Programme after he had signed a statement of support for the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement. The statement forms part of an advertisement for the movement's 20th birthday.

When questioned on the Church's attitude to homosexuals, the Archbishop replied: "The Church has not got there yet, but if we were to say that in relationships it is desirable that there is fidelity between a couple, why should we not extend the same conditions to same sex relationships," the Archbishop said. "This is my personal position. I am passionate in my opposition to any injustice and I believe I know where our Lord would stand," he added.

When questioned whether he was hopeful that the Anglican Communion might move towards the ordination of practising Gay people in the Church he said: "As a matter of justice, of compassion, of consistency, yes."

When questioned about reservations on this question by sections of the African church the Archbishop replied: "They said the same thing about the ordination of women to the priesthood. People claimed that it was foisting something that was totally un-African and that turned out to be quite untrue."

The Archbishop added: "I think there is something wrong when we persecute people and make them hate who God has made them to be, and if there is a way in which I can assist in the rehabilitation of people's self-worth, I certainly will do all I can."





## Tells All...

### WRONG

*Dear Fifi,*

I came out to one of my friends recently, and to my disappointment he told me that we could no longer be friends because God had given me a penis so that I could make babies, and nothing else. I am very sad because I have to admit that he is right, and now I have realised that, in addition, I have lost a good friend as well.

*Luke*

*Dear Luke,*

Wrong, wrong, wrong! If God had given Gay men penises so that we could make babies, he would have also given us uteruses as well. How else could we proliferate? But we don't have uteruses, and penises are not just for making babies (although they help). If God had given your friend a penis so he could make babies then logically he should have an offspring for every orgasm. Did you point this out to him? A sexual organ is a sexual organ. If sex organs were meant to be exclusively for procreation, then you better tell him to keep his hands away from his partner's breasts - after all, they were meant to produce milk. And the next time he needs to urinate, you tell him to have a urostomy!

### SIZE

*Dear Fifi,*

Last week I had a bitter argument with a friend of mine who claimed that you can tell the size of a man's appendage by the size of his foot. Although I've heard this

argument before, I cannot believe it is true for the majority of the population. Have you heard any rumours to support this?

*Signed, Hung in Hung Hom*

*Dear Hung,*

Have I heard the rumours? If we could double your brain size, you'd qualify as a half wit! I started the rumours! Let the world know that my shoe size is a 15 triple E. But your question makes me wonder... I've noticed that when I step on some cutie's toes (in my attempts to get noticed), frequently they don't even flinch. Could this be the result of excess tissue in the shoes? For size queen's I've heard the best way to tell the size of man's appendage is to watch how long his lover chews his food. If he's not a chewer, his lover is the one for you. But don't tell him I said anything.

### GETTING ORGANISED

*Dear Fifi,*

Every time I have sex, I always have a problem getting the condom unwrapped. In the heat of the moment I grapple with a plastic package that seemingly was designed to be childproof. I invariably have lost the mood by the time I get the condom out. What should I do?

*Wang Chu Ming in Wanchai*

*Dear Wang,*

This is a problem for me too. Usually I solve it by having the wrapper pre-opened and on the bedside table by the time my victim realises what's on my mind. This has a double benefit in that you don't have

to explain to him that your legs aren't up in the air because you're stretching them, they're up for a very special reason. If you dragged home men the likes of which I do, this would be a very important concern. You should sleep well at night knowing that they will most likely invent an easy open condom wrapper long before they invent a user friendly wrapper for cream cheese. I open far more packages of cream cheese than condoms, and if you think condoms are difficult...

### MEETING OTHERS

*Dear Fifi,*

I am new in town, and I am Lesbian. How can I meet other Lesbians? I have tried going to the clubs, but they aren't there. I don't know how to meet any others in Hong Kong. What should I do?

*A Lonely Lebanese*

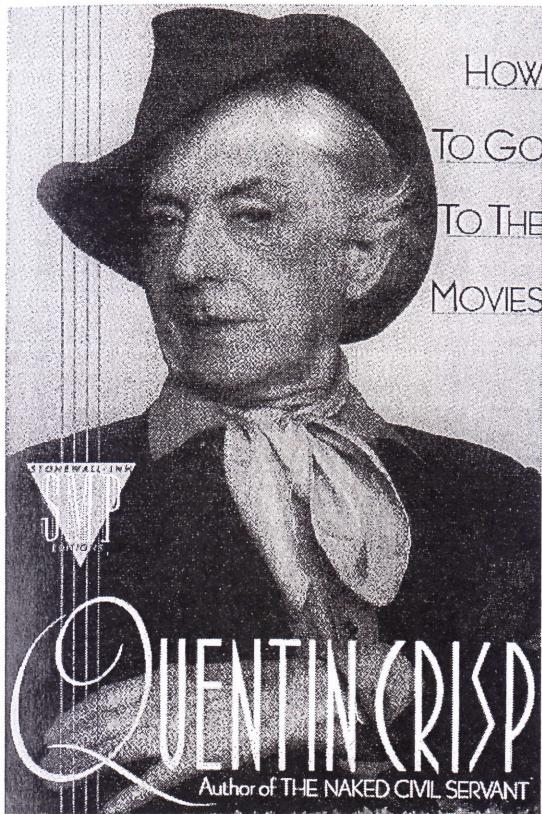
*Dear Lonely,*

In this town, Lesbians are invisible. You'll won't see any either on a Harley, or at the Shiseido counter at Seibu testing some of the "new neutrals." But this doesn't mean they don't exist. In my experience, if you want to find a dyke in Hong Kong, just say something politically incorrect. You won't have to worry about looking for them anymore. I'm bisexual, but I sometimes pass for a Lesbian. Maybe you and I could get together?

**Until next time, keep the condoms coming. And if you have any more scintillating questions, you can reach Fifi at Box 555 Contacts Magazine.**



# Quick Wit of Quentin Crisp



Mr Crisp from his book *How to go to the movies*

Mr Quentin Crisp, always addressed as Mr Crisp never Mr Crisp, celebrated in his own words, one of the stately homos of England, stands in an airplane hangar amid models, clad in black and crawling around his feet, and exclaims, "What does it all mean?" That this scene appears in the recent television commercial for Calvin Klein's CK One, a unisex fragrance, seems particularly fitting for a man who, for most of his considerable years, has been quite openly not only... a self-confessed but also a self-evident homosexual.

At 87, Mr Crisp is enjoying a resurgence of attention and winning over a new generation of fans with his razor-sharp wit. And at an age when most people are happy pottering around their house or gardens Mr Crisp is happiest when he is playing to a crowd.

Mr Crisp's autobiography, *The Naked Civil Servant*, has become a literary classic, as well as an award-winning play and

film starring John Hurt. Born in 1908 to middle class parents in a suburb of London, he quickly learned his talent was being for rather than doing. He therefore worked as an art school model — a naked civil servant — for 35 years. During this period, he grew accustomed to poverty and living in a single room, a practice he adheres to today on Manhattan's lower east side.

Although perhaps best known for his writing, including regular contributions to *The Hungry Mind Review*, *The New York Native*, *The Guardian* and *Christopher Street*, Mr Crisp is a star of stage and screen as well. He portrayed Queen Elizabeth in the film *Orlando*, Lady Blackwell in the stage version of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and his inimitable self in *An Evening with Mr Quentin Crisp*. Mr Crisp's film credits also include Jonathan Demme's "Philadelphia."

His always memorable speaking engagements give him the opportunity to spread the unique Crisp philosophy: "Never keep up with the Joneses; drag them down to your level. It's cheaper."

Mr Crisp's chief objective in speaking is to entertain, and he never disappoints. In

his regular column *Man Friday* in the London paper *The Guardian*, Crisp offered this analysis of the process. It's a matter of the order of the words. To rush into a room with: "Fire! The place is on fire. I suggest everyone collect what is most valuable to him and leaves in good order," only causes alarm; but if in the same circumstances you say: "I suggest that everybody collects what is most valuable to him and leaves in good order, the place is on fire, your audience may burn but it may also laugh."

Mr Crisp will stop at nothing to amuse!

"Those fortunate enough to be in Boston USA this month might do far worse than try to get tickets for their monthly dinner when Mr Crisp will speak and show us all the error of his ways" said the organiser.

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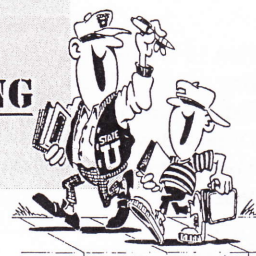
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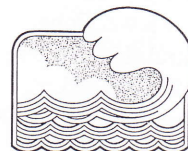
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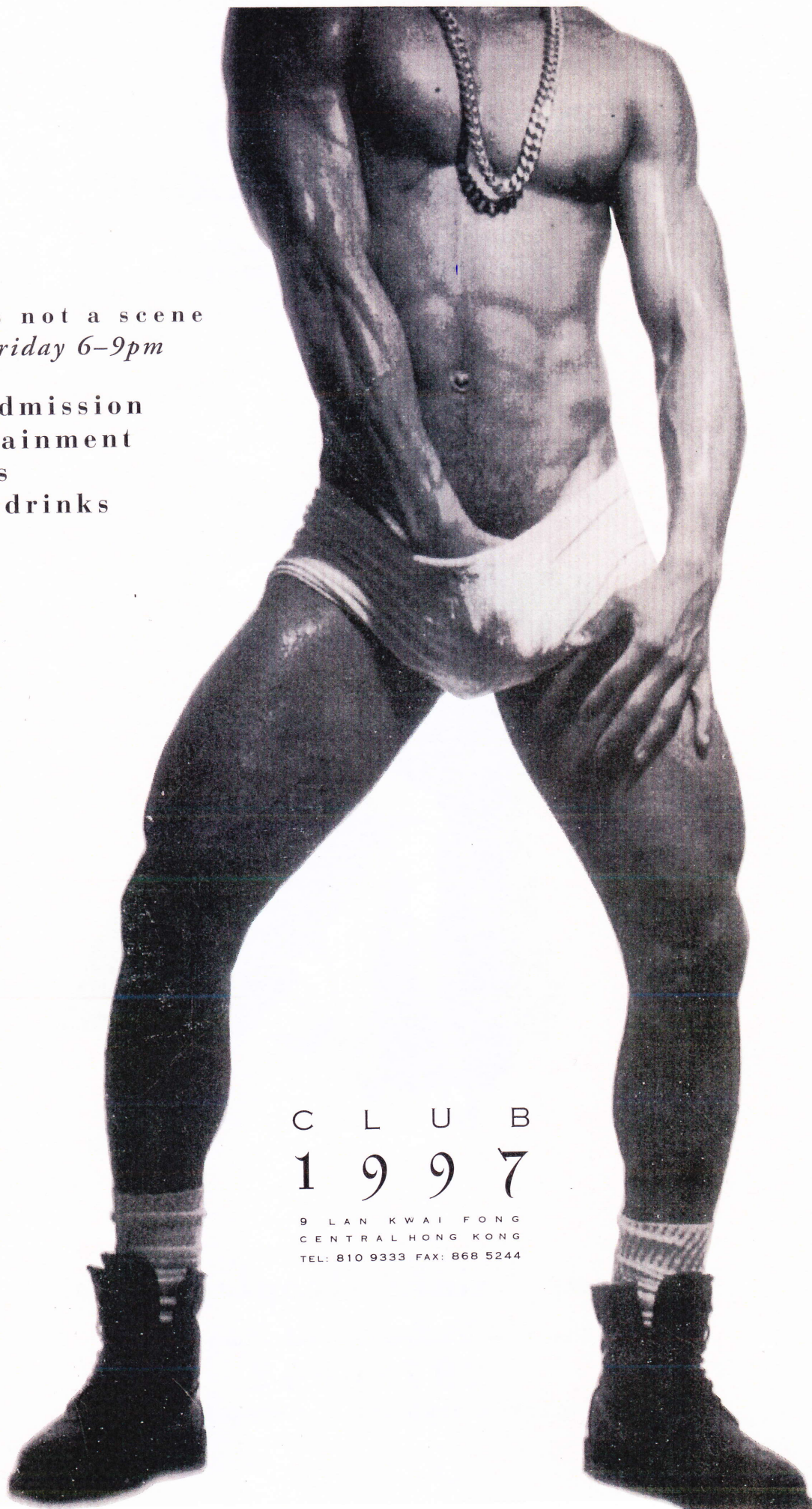


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